religion known as Christianity.

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shall be of highest moral character, a scholar, and in every respect a gentleman, whose sole desire is to have the truth triumphant.

Please forward the proposal you desire to affirm and make your own selection of dates between Sept 2d and 12th, for the discussion and the executive committee will arrange their programme to suit your convenience. Awaiting your reply with respect and kindly wishes.

C. B. REYNOLDS, Acting Chairman of Ex. Com. N.Y.F.A.

DEAR SIR -I must respectfully decline your invitation to the annual meeting of Freethinkers' Association. My

ing of Freethinkers' Association. My reasons for so doing will appear from the following considerations:

1. I do not agree with you that hundreds of persons will be influenced for or against Christianity by anything that may be said or done at your proposed convention. Why should they? Will anything new be offered there in the way of scientific discoveries? Anything that the readers of the current literature of the day may not know? Will anything the day may not know? Will anything new in the way of objections to Christianity be urged? Anything that has not been said hundreds of times and answered as many? Will there be pre-

thought are essentially and eternally antagonistic, so that the existence of the one necessarily supposes the non existence of the other?

Your pretentions then of free thought is a confession that you have not yet arrived at the truth; and that being the case why do you assume, in or out of your conventions, to instruct others? It is worse than the blind leading the blind, for while your free thought principle compels you to admit you do not yet possess the truth you assume to teach those who by their principles claim to possess it. It is then a case of the blind officiously volunteering their services to those who see. This is the logical position in which your "free thought" principle places you. Why then try to convince men that Christianity is false since by your principles you cannot say you to be false? Why try to take from Christians a reality when you have nothing to give them in its place but a bald negation? Why do you not first agree on something positive, and build nothing to give them in its place but a bald negation? Why do you not first agree on something positive, and build up a structure that will command the respect and veneration of honest, pious, intelligent men before you ask them to reject that which has stood the test of ages, commanded the veneration and bedience of the greatest geniuses that have enobled this earth of ours for the last two thousand years, and given us the highest and beat civilization ever known?

Lest of attachment to the government. The grosser the infraction of morals, the greater the so-called victory over prediction of honest, pious, intelligent men before you ask them to reject that which has stood the test of accuse one's father was the best proof of citizenship; to neglect it was denounced as a crime, and was punished with death. Wives were plaint, and for all acute or chronic forms of Bowel Complaint incident to Summer and Fall, is found in Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry; to be procured from any druggist.

CHARACTERISTIC REPLY.

A CHARGE THAT EXPLAINS ITEM.

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Our readers will thank us, we are sure for spronducing from the Senece Falls. Reville, the following characteristic reply of Father Lambert to an invitation to the Freetkinkers' Convention at Statoga.

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New York, Aug. 10th, 1886.

DARA SIE: "The N. Y. F. A. will hold its annual convention at White Salphur Springs, on Stratoga Lake, N. Y., Spr. 22 to 13th, 1886.

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claim justice as your distinguishing principle. Justice was taught by theology as an attribute of God and as the highest as an attribute of God and as the highest form of virtue in man, before secularism in your sense of the term had any exist-ence on earth. Your motto, 'Keep your own happiness by promoting the happi-ness of others," is also a Christian maxim

that needs not the sanction of Freethinkers to give it value.

3. You, "desire that all honest hearts be afforded opportunity to learn all the facts, that error may be refuted, and all ibe enabled to decide intelligently." In this desire I agree with you, but I do not agree with the implied inference that your Saratoga convention will afford the opportunity. I have seen nothing in the proceedings of your former conventions to lead me to that belief. On the contrary, from what I have read of your former proceedings I have come to the conclusion that your conventions afford an opportunity for all kinds of queer people to get together to air their ill-digested notions, to exhibit their shall howness and vanity, to tell what Solomons they are and what fools the rest of the world is. There may have been some men of sense among them, but they must have felt very lonesome amidst the general clatter. Was it not at your Watkins convention a year or two ago that even convention a year or two ago that even Ingersoll got disgusted and resigned? What reason have we to believe the Sar-

see in the way of objections to Christian ity be urged? Anything that has not been said hundreds of times and answered as many? Will there be present any men whose recognized pre-emining on the produce in science, philosophy, history, theology, or logic, will give sufficient weight to what they may say to command more than a passing attention? It is great improvement on your formed ones?

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Christians whether called infidels or Freethinkers.

I am always willing, under proper conditions, to give an account of the faith that is in me, but I cannot consent to become a part or an actor in your enterprising exhibition. The performances, I have no doubt, will be sufficiently entertaining without me, and considering the number of old ladies that will be there the proceedings will not be wanting in snap. I hope they may have a good time, and that a ten days course of Saratoga water will relieve them of anti-Christian bile and enable them to return to their water will relieve them of anti-Christian bile and enable them to return to their arduous labors, healthier if not wiser men and women. Your selection of Saratoga was a happy and economical thought. By a judicious mixture of talk, philosophy and sulphur water you can abolish Christianity and relieve yourselves of superfluous lithic and lactic acids at the same time.

L. A. Lamerr. L. A. LAMBERT.

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From the Middletown Arens

From the Middletown Argus.

A gentleman residing in Middletown, who was visiting in Sullivan county last week, was attracted by eight headstones in a little grass-grown cemetery, near Fallsburgh, all of which stood in a row and were exactly alike. He got out of his wagon to look at them, and found that they were all children of a well known physician, and that all were grown when

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A Word of Explanation The liver secretes bile to move the bowels; the kidneys secrete urine to carry off uric acid, which would poison the blood; the stomach secretes gastric juice to digest or dissolve the food, etc. Bur-dock Blood Bitters acts upon these organs and purifies the blood by cleansing all the

ARCHBISHOP LYNCH.

HIS GRACE DEPINES HIS POSITION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS. Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P. E., I.
August 25th, 1886.

Dear Mr. Bengough,—I am very sorry that you considered it your duty to the country to publish a caricature of me holding a whip over the head of Hon. Mr. Mowat, with this legend, "A state of affairs the people of Ontario do not approve." If the picture represented the real state of the case, I should be the first heartily to disapprove of it. I have perhaps the vanity to think that the great majority of the people of Ontario will believe me when I say that the position which you assign to me is one which I have never assumed and never shall. I have already stated some time ago, in a published letter under my own signature to a Protestant assumed and never shall. I have already stated some time ago, in a published letter under my own signature to a Protestant elergyman, that I never expressed a wish to Mr. Mosaie should be dismissed from the Central prison, as he had many good qualities, etc., but I did frequently express the wish that the punishments inflicted on the prisoners, especially on the young should be mitigated. I was justified in this by the reports of the impartial and humane commissioner appointed by the Government to report on the charges against Mr. Massie. On my return from here I shall request you to publish extracts from the report of the commissioners that recommend ameliorations. This will justify me in requesting and recommending certain changes. Even culprits should have access to impartial persons who live outside the prison walls. We are not living in a country subject to Russian tyranny. The publication of the extracts of the commissioners will prove that all the acts of Mr. Massie were not triumphantly vindicated. I am sorry that you took your inspirations in this case from the ill-informed Presbyterian Review. You say in your article "that after the investigation you let the matter drop, and you suppose the Archbishop had done likewise, but it appears not, according to the Review. His Grace has been at it ever since, and is now on the eve of success." Every word of this, my dear sir, is as far as I am concerned, the eve of success." Every word of this, my dear sir, is as far as I am concerned, contrary to the truth; as Hon. Mr. Mowat and his colleagues can assert under oath. I reassert that I did not even know the name of the recently ap-pointed bookkeeper, said maliciously to be a spy on Mr. Massie. I don't recollect be a spy on Mr. Massie. I don't recollect to have recommended any officer of the Central prison. I have heard that the appointment of a bookkeeper was made at the recommendatian of the commis-sioners of the Central prison. Now with respect to the elections. It is well known that I interfere but

very little; the newspapers wonder fully exaggerate that very little. Electioneering untruths are not what are falsely termed white lies, especially when the honour of a fellow-man is unjustly assailed. I have often toldthe Catholics that whatever political opinions they conscientiously hold they should retain conscientiously hold they should retain—
Conservatives to remain Conservatives, Liberals to remain Liberals, and never to give their vote for any money consideration, "that the franchise was too sacred a trust to be either bought or sold." Priests are strictly forbidden to recommend from the pulpit a candidate of either party. There have been in the Parliament at Toronto. have been in the Parliament at Toronto four Conservatives and five Liberal members; this fact speaks in our de-

fence.

I have not seen the article in the Presby terian Review, but I am of opinion that all honest Protestants will not countenance in that Review unwarrantable and untrue assertions. Their motto as well as ours is "Truth and honour." It is a pity that that motto does not govern political writers as it does family circles. I am,

dear sir, yours, etc., †John Joseph Lynch, Archbishop of Toronto.

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remedy, and who send a pamphlet explain-ing this new treatment, free on receipt of stamp. - Scientific American.

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to its original color; makes the scalp white and clean; cures dandruff and humors; prevents the hair from falling out, and renders it soft and brilliant. The database of the she had talling hair. By the use of Hall's Hair Kenewer, the hair may be restored to its original color, lustre, and vitality. M. N. Johnson, Fitchburg,

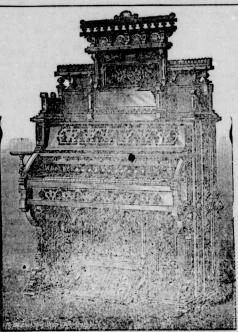
Hall's Hair Renewer,

Renewer about ten years, with satisfactory results," E. G. Perkins, Oberlin, Ohio, writes: "I consider Hall's Hair Renewer Paul, Minn., writes: "A diseased scalp Hair Renewer."

the best hair preserver in use. I have used it for the past twenty years, and my hair is in as vigorous and healthy a condition as when I was 30 years of age. Not a sign of gray hair to be seen anywhere.' Dwight L. Chamberlain, Oakland, Califorbuth II. Chamberlain, Oakland, Califorbuth II. Chamberlain, Oakland, Califorbuth II. Chamberlain, Pakland, Califorbuth II. Chamberlain, Oakland, Califorbuth II. Chamberlain, Pakland, Califorbuth III. Chamberlain, Califorbuth III. Chamberlain, Pakland, Califorbuth III. Chamberlain, Cali Buttle Creek, Mich., writes: "By the use white, has been restored to its original color and luxuriance by the use of Hall's was quite bald, has been covered with a fine growth of young hair." PREPARED BY

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

"Were not ten made clean? Where are the nine?-Gospel of the day.

If our Lord, dear brethren, stood in our midst to day He would not have to confine this rebuke to the rine, but might with justice ask: where are the ninetynine; where are all those whom I have made clean; where are those whose have washed away; where are those whose have lightened; where are they washed away; where are they washed away; where are those whose have lightened; where are they washed away; where are they washed away; where are those whose have a support of the supp

made clean; where are those whose sins I have washed away; where are those whose sufferings I have lightened; where are they, for there is no one to return thanks?

Good Christians, is there need to remind you to return thanks; you for whom God is doing so much, you who are now living in His peace and friendship? Alas! that the truth must be told, we are as a whole an ungrateful set. Not that we mean to be such, God forbid; but we are so taken up with the cares and troubles of this life, so worried about our present needs, so anxious about our future wantes, that we forget for the most part to look back, forget to reflect upon all that has been done for us. The little time we do devote to God's service is not spent in thanksgiving, but rather in asking for more than our past ingratitude would warrant us in hoping for.

Be assured, Christians living in the grace of God, that many of the doubts and difficulties and most of the dryness of soul from which at times we suffer, would not solve the constitution as a success modiou the serve which designed the constitution of the constitution as a success modiou the serve which the serve which designed the constitution and the constitution are success.

and difficulties and most of the dryness of soul from which at times we suffer, would utterly vanish if we dealt less niggardly with God, and spent more time in generously thanking Him for all His favors.

But, brethren, there is worse ingratitude than this, and you yourselves are witnesses of it. Remember the times of God's careful and extraordinary graces.

God's special and extraordinary graces; for example, the time of a mission, when His graces and favors were bestowed most lavishly on the sinners as well as the virtuous. Recall how generously He dealt tion the tuous. Recall how generously He dealt with many souls of your own acquaint-ance, even perhaps with some of your selves; recollect how many were cleansed from this foul leprosy of sin by His holy word and saving sacraments; but where are they all now? Some perhaps have already gone to answer at the judgment seat for their ingratitude; others are still left amongst us as a parable of the extraordinary patience and long suffering of a loving God. They are sick and He still heals them; they are starving and He still feeds them; they are in trouble and He still comforts them. Yes, they are even in mortal sin, and from time to time He cleanses them. But, oh! ungrateful Christian, how long is this to last? how long is God to be tempted? It stands to reason, it to be tempted? It stands to reason, it cannot but have an end. Put it to yourselves, is there any sin or vice you have less patience with than that of ingratitude, of forgetfulness for favors and kindnesses received? No, brethren, there is no vice that so incenses us, no sin we find so hard to condone, because it is an abuse of that which is highest and noblest in us—our offerer

which is highest and hobiest in as—our love.

Indeed, brethren, if all of God's creatures owe Him a debt of gratitude; if every thing created should praise the Lord, oh! how much more does this obligation fall on us, for, we who are children of the faith are His debtors indeed!

When our souls are sick even unto death with sin, He is ready to heal them as He did the lepters in to-day's Gospel; when did the lepers in to-day's Gospel; when weary with the cares of life He is ready to refresh us; when tempted beyond our strength He is faithful to us; and what does He ask in return? Listen, to day, to this lament and harden not your hearts—"there is no one to return thanks."

Be generous, then, henceforth in your thanks to God, for He loves and will reward those who are grateful for all He has done for them.

"IRISH PEDIGREES."

We beg to direct the attention of our readers to the following circular of Mr. John O'Hart, the Irish geneelogist, in reference to the fourth edition of the great work on Irish pedigrees, which he is now preparing for the press:—

Mr. John O'Hart begs to say that his fourth edition of "Irish Pedigrees" is being published by subscription, and that every subscriber of at least £1 each, paid in advance, will receive from him a copy of the work immediately after it is published; as will also each representative of any family whose genealogy will appear in the volume. But as the pecuniary responsibilities consequent on the publication devolve on Mr. O'Hart alone, he expects that the representatives of those families whose genealogies are contained in his former volumes will generously subscribe to the Fourth Edition, in proportion to the space which their representative genealogies occupy in his Third Edition of Irish Pedigrees, or in his Irish Landed Gentry; otherise, to reduce the publication expenses to a minimum, Mr. O'Hart must in the coming volume altogether omit these genealogies, or considerably condense them.

To those who have already contributed towards the publication expenses of my former works, and who desire to have

towards the publication expenses of my former works, and who desire to have their genealogies continued in the fourth edition of "Irish Pedigrees," the cost per page will be only £3; instead of £6 per page by those who have not hitherto so contributed. Subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

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